

TUSCANIA

Vanderburg, Harry Peter (Sr.)
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HARRY VANDENBURG

Survivors Plan Reunion

Tucson Visitor Recalls 1918 Torpedo Sinking

By JOHN L. MAHER

On the night of Feb. 5, 1918, a torpedo slammed into the Anchor Liner *Tuscania* off the coast of Ireland. Of the more than 1,000 doughboys aboard, 386 went down with the ship.

The survivors have held a reunion every year since the tragedy, and Feb. 3, will be the 50th anniversary of the disaster and possibly the last.

Harry P. (Preacher) Vandenburg, 74, who has visited Tucson every winter for the last seven years said that the survivors are getting old and find it increasingly difficult to get to the reunion. Last year only 37 persons attended.

Vandenburg, a divinity student before his enlistment, says he predicted the torpedo attack moments before it happened. After the ship was hit he spent more than two hours helping others into lifeboats and overside onto rafts. He was one of the last men to be picked up by a British destroyer.

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His biggest concern during the attack and in the 16 months of combat in France was a picture and lock of hair of his wife Gertrude.



HARRY VANDENBURG

Gertrude however, refused his proposal of marriage in 1917 and it was not until 1955 that they met again. Both were widowed at this time and Gertrude did not refuse the second proposal in 38 years.

The 50th annual reunion of the

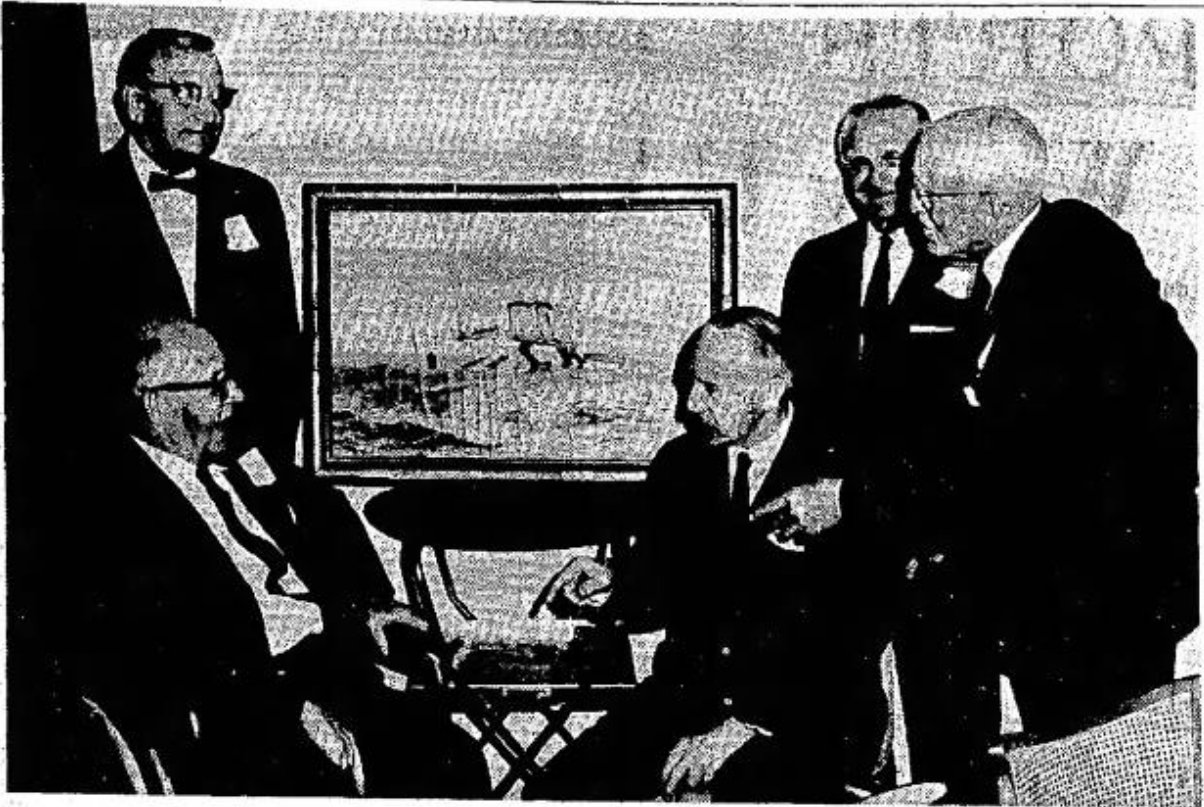
The 50th annual reunion of the *Tuscania* survivors will be held at the Cudworth Post Memorial Building, 1756 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Vandenburg says one of his big regrets is that Tucson survivors Floyd W. Longyear, 7355 La Costa St. and Wesley McCalley, 4514 E. Water St., will not be able to attend.

McCalley has spent 40 years in a wheel chair, according to Vandenburg, a result of his long immersion in the ocean while suffering from scarlet fever.

Vandenburg who holds the Silver Star for valor in action in France says everyone calls him "Preacher," although he was not formally ordained, because he preached to the boys whenever possible.

Harry Peter Vandenburg – "Arizona Daily Star" (Tucson AZ) Monday 29 Jan 1968 p 7



—Citizen Photos by Ralph Dohme

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Harry Peter Vandenburg is standing at far left -

Five Survivors Of Torpedoed Ship Share Memories At Reunion Here

By ERIC CAVALIERO

Five men who have in common only an explosive moment in their lives relived that instant here last night.

The event occurred at 5:55 p.m., Feb. 5, 1918, when a torpedo from a German submarine slammed into the British ship, Tuscania.

The former liner carried about 2,400 troops, many of them members of the 32nd Division of the Wisconsin National Guard en route to France as part of the American Expeditionary Force.

SOME 266 MEN died when the ship sank in the dark waters of the North Atlantic, about 20 miles off the Irish coast. The five who got together at the Desert Inn were among the rescued.

They were Stanley E. Hult, 73, of 350 N. Silverbell Road; Wesley L. McCalley, 67, of 4514 E. Water St.; Floyd Longyear, 74, of 7355 N. La Oesta Ave.; Henry Schwarting, 71, of 544½ S. 4th Ave., and the Rev. Harry Vandenburg, 71, a winter visitor from Mukwonago, Wis.

At the reunions, five different stories were told of how each withstood the torpedoing.

The veteran survivors told of men who jumped overboard and drowned; of the lifeboat

that was being lowered and tipped, spilling eight soldiers to their deaths on the deck; of the boats that smashed on the rocks after successfully getting away from the stricken ship.

AND LONGYEAR had his own terse description of the difficulties of grabbing a rope in mid-ocean.

"It was," he said, "like trying to hold a pig by the ear."

Speaking of the explosion, the former sergeant, who served with the 20th Engineers, said: "You knew it was a torpedo the minute it hit. All I recall was a big bang. It seemed as though the ship moved two feet."

Hult took up the story:

"I got into a lifeboat," he said, "and right away it flooded. We hadn't put the plugs in the drains. The lifeboat didn't sink because of its watertight compartments. It took on enough water, however, so that we were in hip-deep.

"THERE WERE roughly 70 in the boat, all standing," added the former Chicagoan, who has lived in Tucson since last October. "We floated around for about 90 minutes before a British destroyer picked us up."

McCalley rolled his wheelchair over to the table.

"I was confined in the state-room with scarlet fever and pneumonia," he said. "My stay in the water left me with bad circulation. The doctors called it Berger's Disease. I went on to fight on four different fronts. But what happened that night must have had some after-effects — I've been in this wheelchair for 36 years."

"I was down in the hold cleaning my rifle," said Schwarting. "There was quite a jolt, and then I was in the water. I couldn't swim. But when I came up for the second time someone dragged me over to a lifeboat."

"I was just a soldier," said the Rev. Mr. Vandenburg. "But even in those days they used to call me 'the preacher.'"

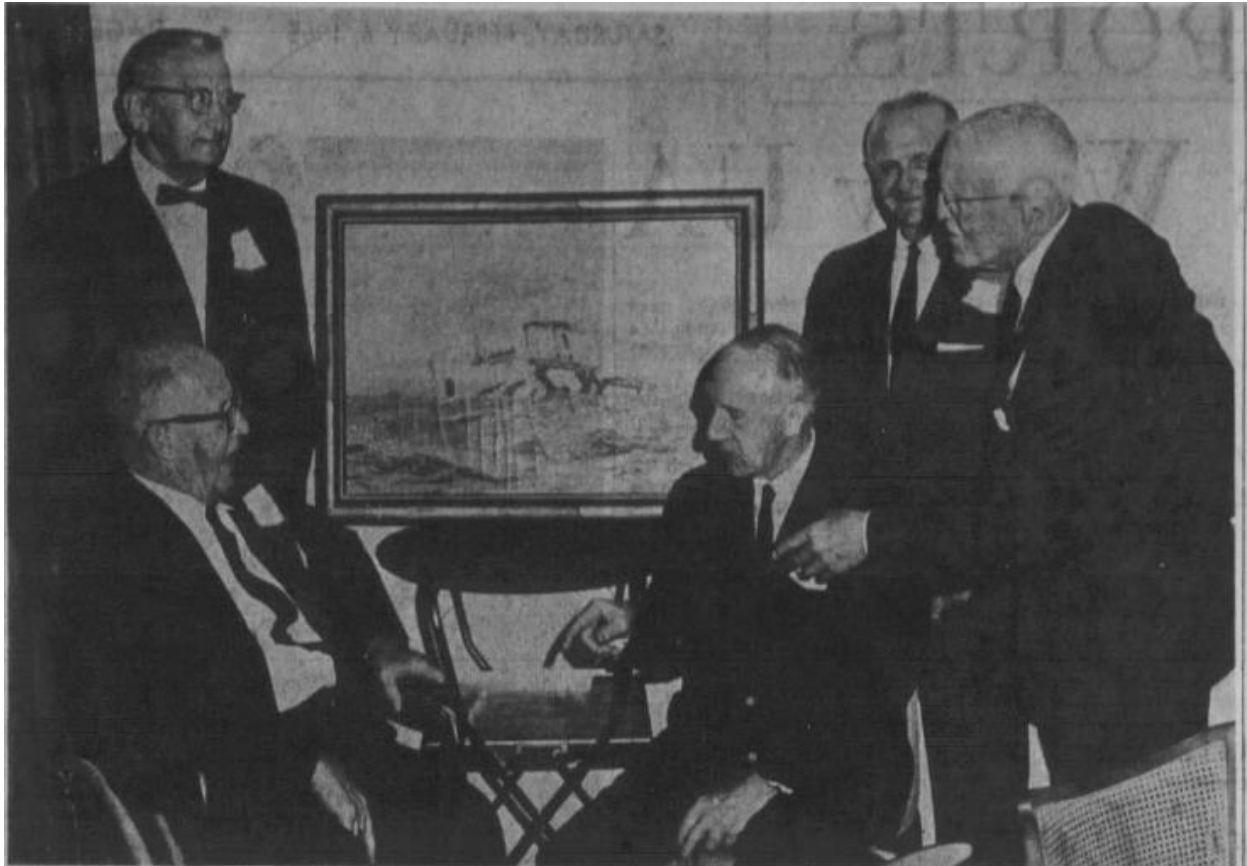
"I WAS KNEELING down, going through my locker. Of course, someone always has to make fun of the preacher. And one of the boys asked me if I was praying."

"No," replied the young man who had immigrated from his native Holland a few years before the war, "I'm saving one of my souvenirs. I think we're going to be torpedoed."

Just then there was "a noise like thunder." The ship had been hit.

The Rev. Mr. Vandenburg leafed through his wallet and produced a faded photograph of a girl — a younger version of the woman by his side.

"And this," he said, holding up the picture and smiling at his wife, Gertrude, "was the souvenir I saved."



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Another version of the group photo – “Tucson (AZ) Citizen” Saturday 6 Feb 1965 p 5

VANLANDINGHAM IS SAFE.

**Sisters Here Receive Good News About
Tuscania Passenger.**

Miss Anna Vanlandingham and Miss Gertrude Vanlandingham, 3913 Broadway, received a telegram yesterday



CHARLES VANLANDINGHAM, FORMER KANSAS CITY MAN, WHO WAS ON THE STEAMER TUSCANIA WHEN IT WAS TORPEDOED. HE WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY AMONG THE SURVIVORS.

from their brother, Walter Vanlandingham of Chicago, saying that he has been officially notified that their brother, Charles, who was on the transport Tuscania with the Twentieth Engineers when it was sunk, is safe. No details were given.

Charles Vanlandingham is a corporal and is acting company clerk. He enlisted in New Orleans just before Christmas. Another brother, J. H. Vanlandingham, also lives in Chicago.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

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No. 255 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

(To be given to the person making the Declaration)

Holland
day of February
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(State)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof.

I, Harry Vanderburg, aged 22 years,
do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color White, complexion Medium, height 5 feet 11 inches,
weight 170 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Brown,
other visible distinctive marks None.
I was born in Friesland Holland
on the 23rd day of October, anno Domini 1893. I now reside
at Town of Troupsburg, Troupsburg Co. Wis.
(Give number, street, city or town, and State.)
I emigrated to the United States of America from Rotterdam
on the vessel Woodland
(If the alien arrived hereafter than by steam, the character of conveyance and name of transportation company should be given.)
foreign residence was Friesland Holland; my last
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to William III
Queen of The Netherlands, of whom I am now a subject;
I arrived at the port of New York, in the
State of New York, on or about the 2d day
of March, anno Domini 1911; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Harry van der Burg
(Original signature of declarant.)

(Official signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of
Court this 7th day of April, anno Domini 1916
Eugene J. Kadder
Clerk of the Superior Court.

By _____ Clerk.
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No. 490 NATURALIZATION SERVICE ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the Superior Court of Wisconsin

The petition of Harry Peter Vanderburg hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

First. My place of residence is Wausau, Wisconsin

Second. My occupation is Farmer

Third. I was born on the 26th day of October, anno Domini 1895, at Wierland, Holland

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Wierland, Holland, on or about the 17th day of February, anno Domini 1896, and arrived in the United States at the port of New York, on the 2nd day of March, anno Domini 1896, on the vessel Wilhelmina

(If the alien arrived directly from his vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 7th day of April, anno Domini 1896, at Wausau, Wis. in the Superior Court of Wisconsin

Sixth. I am not married. My wife's name is Anna Wanderburg Wanderburg

I have no children, and the names, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Wilhelmina Queen of the Netherlands of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.

Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for a term of five years at least, immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 7th day of March, anno Domini 1896, and in the State of Wisconsin, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the 5th day of March, anno Domini 1896, being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. I made petition for citizenship to the Superior Court of Wisconsin on the 7th day of April, anno Domini 1896 and the same of said court has since been cured or removed.

Notarially sworn before me by the said Court for the following reasons and reasons to-wit:

attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor, together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses therein, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Honorably discharged while in the service of the United States Army, No. 255, from Department of Labor filed this 6th day of October, 1916

Declaration of Intention and Certificate of Naturalization, No. 255, from Department of Labor filed this 6th day of October, 1916

NOTE TO CHECK OR CORRECT.—If petition arrived in the United States on or before June 20, 1908, enter on the words reading "and Certificate of Arrival No. _____ from Department of Labor."

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

State of Wisconsin } ss:
 Trumpetman Co

The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

H. P. Ribar occupation Farmer residing at Trumpetman Co
E. L. Kitchum occupation Confederate residing at Lakewood

Each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1 day of October, anno Domini 1919, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1 day of October, anno Domini 1919; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

J. R. Barr (Signature of witness)
E. L. Kitchum (Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses this 6 day of Oct, anno Domini 1919.

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 [SEAL]

Ernest J. Kadder Clerk.
By Deputy Clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

Harry Peter Vanderburg
 TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Filed Oct 6th, 1919

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and disavow all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Wilhelmina the Queen of The Netherlands of whom I have heretofore been a subject (and that I further renounce the title of _____, an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

[SEAL]

Harry Peter Vanderburg

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this 6 day of Oct, A. D. 1919

Ernest J. Kadder Clerk.

ORDER OF COURT ADMITTING PETITIONER

Upon consideration of the petition of Harry Peter Vanderburg, and affidavits in support thereof, and further testimony taken in open Court, it is ordered that the said petitioner, who has taken the oath required by law, be, and hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America, this 6 day of Oct, A. D. 1919.

(It is further ordered, upon consideration of the petition of the said _____, that his name be, and hereby is, changed to _____, under authority of the provisions of section 6 of the act approved June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. L., pt. 1, p. 596), as amended by the act approved March 4, 1913, entitled "An act to create a Department of Labor.")

By the Court: E. C. Higgins Judge

Samuel A. Lewis

ORDER OF COURT DENYING PETITION

Certificate of Naturalization, No. 1184317, issued on the 6 day of Oct, A. D. 1919.

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HARRY VANDERBURG

HOLMEN, Wis. — Harry Vanderburg Sr., 79, of Holmen died Sunday, Feb. 11, in a La Crosse hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Mortuary in Galesville, Rev. William Helwig of the Federated Church, Trempealeau, officiating, and burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery at Centerville.

Friends may call at the mortuary Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday before the service.

Mr. Vanderburg was born in the Netherlands Oct. 23, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanderburg, and he came to the United States at the age of 17. He married Mabel Taylor, who died in 1953. He married Gertrude Halderson in 1955, and the couple had made their home at Holmen for the past two years.

He was a stockbuyer and a Veteran of World War I. He was one of the few remaining survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania*, a troop ship, off the coast of Ireland.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, Otto of Miami, Fla., and Harry Jr. of Torrance, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Trevor James of Largo, Fla., and Mrs. Edward Janovetz of North Prairie, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Theodore Vandervoos and Elizabeth Vanderburg, both living in the Netherlands.

Obituary of Harry Peter Vanderburg - "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Monday 12 Feb 1973

Harry P. Vandenburg

NORTH PRAIRIE — A former cattle dealer here for many years, Harry P. Vandenburg, died in La Crosse Sunday. He had lived in Holman, Wis.

He was 79, born in Holland Oct. 23, 1893. He was a veteran of World War I (32nd Division) and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

The body will be in state after 4 p.m. Wednesday at the L. B. Smith Mortuary in Galesville. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday from the mortuary, the Rev. William Helwig officiating.

There will be a military graveside service. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Centerville. The family suggests memorials to the United Methodist Church of North Prairie.

Survivors are wife Gertrude (nee Halvorson); daughters Mrs. Trevor (Virginia) Jones of Seminole, Fla. and Mrs. Edward (Isabel) Janovetz of North Prairie; sons Otto of North Prairie and Harry Jr. of Torrance, Calif.; and two sisters in Holland.

Obituary of Harry Peter Vanderburg in "Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" 13 Feb 1937 p 18

Life:

TUSCANIA DISASTER SURVIVORS

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JESSE E. VEITCH, Ballston, Va.
 SHANNON L. VAN VALZAH, Baltimore, Md
 FRANCIS J. VINE, New Bedford, Mass.
 COLUMBUS J. VANNEDOM, Marshfield, Wis.
 HARRY PETER VANDERBURG, Trempeleau, Wis.
 GEORGE VANDERLAAN, McBain, Mich.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

The Senior Youth Fellowship group enjoyed a New Year's Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vanderburg.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Saturday 12 Jan 1946 p 3

North Prairie Service

Next Sunday morning at 10:30, Harry Vanderburg, lay preacher, will have charge of the service at the Methodist church in the absence of Rev. and Mrs. Erickson at an anniversary celebration in Chicago.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Thursday 20 Oct 1955 p 17

New Tuscania List Compiled

An updating of Kenosha's list of S. S. Tuscania survivors was offered today by John J. Young, 7401 41st Ave.

Young was one of four Kenoshans who attended a reunion of the survivors of the World War I sinking of the British troopship at Milwaukee Cudworth American Legion Post clubhouse last week. Other Kenoshans who attended the meeting that marked the 40th anniversary of the tragedy were Hans Andersen, Claude Forbes and Otto Mowrey.

In the sinking of the ship in the north channel off the Irish coast on Feb. 5, 1918, 226 American soldiers lost their lives. In 1926, a group of the survivors formed the National Tuscania Survivors Association in a meeting at Milwaukee, and since that time reunions have been held on an annual basis.

In the meeting all officers of the association were re-elected. They are President Harry Livens, Milwaukee; Secretary-treasurer Edward T. Lauer, Wauwatosa; Historian Leo V. Zimmermann, Milwaukee, and Chaplain Harry Vanderburg, Mukwonago.

Young's new listing of the present Kenosha survivors of the disaster includes in addition to the four who attended the reunion: William L. Garner, Floyd S. Hill, Leo Hopper, Karl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Henry W. Huetten, Charles W. Knaup, John Mitchell, Louis E.

Regnier, Norbert M. Tyson, Frank H. Tanking, Fred Young and August Zura. Young pointed out that in the intervening years since the troopship was sunk by German torpedoes, many of the members of the association have died and many have moved away from this area. He said that he is interested in securing a complete listing of the known survivors.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 13 Feb 1958 p 11

250 SOLDIERS LOST LIVES

Ettrick Area Brothers Survived Tuscania Sinking 48 Years Ago

By RUTH BRYE

(La Crosse Tribune Correspondent)

ETTRICK, Wis.—Carl Herreld, 69, and his brother, Gordon, 71, who live in the North Beaver Creek area, are survivors of the ill-fated SS Tuscania, which was sunk the night of Feb. 5, 1918, during World War I.

The Tuscania, a sister ship of the equally ill-fated Lusitania, had been built as a first class passenger ship. During World War I she was used for trans-

Mukwanago, was a chaplain on the Tuscania and was the last man off the ship. He is married to the former Gertrude Halder-son of Galesville. In a recent letter to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alvin Young of Galesville, Vanderburg wrote that he had recently attended the 48th reunion of the Tuscania survivors in Milwaukee.

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According to Vanderburg, the captain of the U-77 which sank the Tuscania was located many

years after the war and came to Chicago in 1932 to speak to the survivors. He is Capt. Wilhelm Meyer, who had a crew of 35 on his U-boat. The captain and the Tuscania survivors exchanged greetings annually until 1940, when the captain's notes became less cordial.

A cairn has been erected on the Isle of Ismay in Scotland and the Tuscania victims whose bodies were washed ashore are buried in Kilnaughten Military Cemetery.

porting troops, and at the time she was torpedoed by a German U-boat she was bound for Liverpool with 2,700 American soldiers on board. Of these, 250 lost their lives, many of them from Wisconsin.

She was nearing the end of her voyage, and the British had sent a convoy of three destroyers to escort her safely into port. They were making good time between the shores of Scotland and Ireland and were about five miles at sea.

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The weather was cold and skies were overcast, with a strong wind blowing. It was about 5:45 p.m. and in that northern clime darkness had already fallen. The men had had mess and had gone below for the night.

The Ettrick men, who were members of F Company, 107th Supply Train, were playing cards. With them were John Hellekson, now dead, and Henry Oksnee, 75, who lives in Winoona. They felt safe with their convoy of destroyers, and so near their journey's end. They had ceased to worry about submarines.

Without warning the ship was struck, and all was instantly dark. The Tuscania guns were fired, but the U-boat was never sighted and escaped.

The ship, struck in the region of the boiler rooms, remained afloat three hours.

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There was some panic aboard, but for the most part the men remained calm. Orders were given to lower lifeboats, but the boats on the side which was torpedoed had been blown to bits.

The men, unused to ropes and knots, lowered the first boat filled with men. When the boat was halfway down, the ropes became entangled, the men were dumped into the water and the boat left hanging in air.

The Herreids and their companions then decided to lower their boat first and get into it afterward, and the boat was successfully lowered.

Carl Herreid, with a dozen others, slid down a rope and into the small boat, but when Gordon came down the boat was gone and he was thrown into the icy waters of the Atlantic.

The destroyer HMS Mosquito swept in between the lifeboat and the Tuscania, causing the lifeboat to rise to a level with the destroyer's deck.

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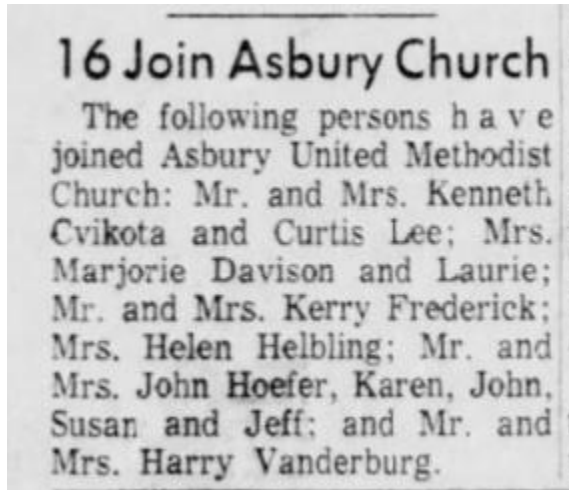
After floating about in the water for some time, Herreid was picked up by men in a lifeboat, and the boat was finally washed ashore on the coast of Scotland near the cottage of two elderly Scotch women.

Herreid, with his clothing soaked, his hair standing on end, stiff with the salt water, tried to make the women understand, but he was so cold he could not speak, and the women nearly fainted with fright. When they finally understood what had happened, they eagerly made Herreid welcome and gave him food, bed and blankets.

Carl Herreid and Hellekson were safe aboard the Mosquito, which docked at Buncrana, Ireland, with 300 other survivors. The American soldiers were taken to a nearby barracks, served tea and hot soup and given blankets. They remained there a week before going on to Liverpool.

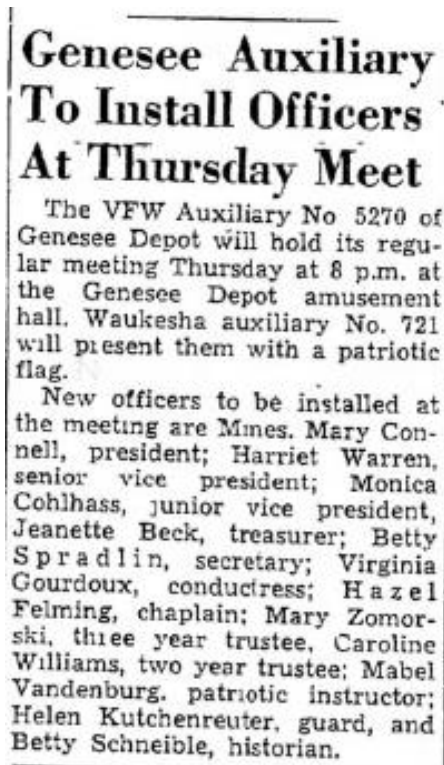
Harry Vanderburg, 71, of

Numerous errors in this article from the "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Sunday 27 Mar 1966 p 20 – among them, number of soldiers on board, number of casualties (215), burial in Kilnaughton (only one grave remains there of an American from Tuscania) and that Captain Meyer spoke at the NTSA convention (he did not)



"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Saturday 1 Feb 1969 p 2

Wife Mabel Florence Taylor



"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 4 Oct 1949 p 5

Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Taylor, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vanderburg, have returned from Eveland, Wis., where they helped Mrs. Taylor's mother celebrate her 81st birthday.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Friday 5 Dec 1947 p 7

NORTH PRAIRIE -(Special)-
Mrs. Harry Vanderburg has returned home. She was in a New York hospital for some time.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Wednesday 24 Sep 1952 p 2

PRACTICAL nurse or woman to care for convalescent woman and prepare simple diet. Working hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call collect Genesee 1461 or call in person at Harry P. Vanderburg, North Prairie.

Presumably a want ad for a caretaker for wife Mabel Taylor Vanderburg, who dies 27 Jan 1953 –

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Wednesday 8 Oct 1952 p 10

Wife Gertrude Elva Halderson Arnston Halderson Van Wyk

Mrs. Halderson Married to H. P. Vanderburg

CENTERVILLE, Wis. (Special)—Mrs. Gertrude Halderson, Galesville, Wis., and Harry P. Vanderburg, North Prairie, Wis., were married in a double-ring service read by the Rev. Glenn L. Utterback at the Little Brown Church in the Vale, Nashua, Iowa, Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

The bride wore a street-length ensemble of French satin in gray-blue with hat and shoes to match. The neckline of the jacket and dress were trimmed with steel beads. Her corsage was a white orchid. Her traveling costume was gray with navy accessories.

The couple will go to California, Florida, Cuba, Ohio and other places of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderburg will be at home after May 1 at Mukwango, Wis. The couple was honored at two pre-nuptial showers, the first given by Mrs. Alvin Young, sister of the bride, Dec. 8, and Dec. 11 by the neighbors at Centerville and other friends.

Vanderburgs to Spend Christmas Honeymoon in California

Tuscania Survivor's Re-Union Ends In Marriage to Old Sweetheart

By ELMER AUSTIN

The reunion of sweethearts after 40 years culminated in the marriage of Mrs. Gertrude Halderson of Galesville to Harry P. Vanderburg of North Prairie.

The double ring service was read by the Rev. Glenn L. Utterback at the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" at Nashua, Iowa on December 15, 1955, at 2:30 p.m.

The bride wore a street length ensemble of French satin in gray blue with hat and shoes to match. The neckline of the dress and jacket was in steel blue trim. Her gloves were three quarter length in white suede, and her corsage a white orchid. Traveling costume was gray with navy accessories.

Traveling by car, the honeymoon itinerary includes California, Florida, Cuba, Ohio, and other places of interest. They expect to spend Christmas and some further time with Harry Vanderburg Jr. and family at Hawthorne, California.

The couple was honored at two pre-nuptial showers. The first was given by Mrs. Alvin Young, sister of the bride, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8. On Sunday evening, Dec. 11, neighbors at Centerville, and other friends gathered at the Centerville home to wish them well.

The true story of war and romance in the lives of Harry Vanderburg, North Prairie cattle man, flier, and Methodist lay preacher, and his bride has the dramatic impact of the best of Shakespeare, Broadway and Hollywood.

Doughboy Corporal Harry Vanderburg, Company B 107th Supply, 32nd Division (Red Arrow), was one of a boatload of soldiers on board the British ship Tuscania at 5:45 p.m. on February 5, 1918.

The transport was en route from America via Halifax to Europe. Vanderburg, who had been studying for the ministry before entering the armed services, had been voluntarily holding religious services for the boys whenever and wherever they wanted them.

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He had held three services on the 5th and was kneeling at his bunk when a buddy questioned him. He answered, then said, "I have a hunch something is going to happen to this ship — pronto." Within 60 seconds a torpedo hit the Tuscania.

Literally and figuratively, the lights went out for the corporal. All the lights on board were extinguished, and he was laid out cold by a blow on the head. When he came to he managed to grope his way to a life belt. An engi-

neer entering the hold to close bulkheads to hold back the water, discovered him and helped to get him out on the deck.

Everybody aboard had been trained for the emergencies of sub attack, and Vanderburg had been assigned charge of a life boat. He found that his life boat had been smashed to kindling wood by the explosion.

However, a British des-

trover was now alongside, and there were rafts in the water. Still dizzy from the crack on the head but not seriously hurt, the corporal took his place in the supervision of rescue operations.

For more than two hours, he helped to direct the evacuation of men from the sinking vessel to the standby destroyer. Finally, the last man to leave the deck of the doomed ship, he was slammed into the side of the boat while trying to get off with the aid of a line, and torn loose from the line while making the desperate attempt to reach the destroyer.

The rescue ship was only a few feet away, and a flying leap landed him on the chain which railed the deck of the destroyer. (With the Lord's help, he says.) From there two sailors seized him and dragged him to safety.

Officers who had seen him at work getting men off the deck of the sinking Tuscania said to him afterward, "A wonderful job, Corporal." Later Harry was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. 386 men were lost in spite of every effort to save them, but Corporal Vanderburg lived to see action on several battlefronts in the European theater.

In the wallet of the corporal on that fateful day on the Tuscania was a picture and a lock of hair of Gertrude Halderman, the childhood sweetheart whom he had known since 1911.

But when the war was over somehow the two were separated and went down different roads. In time both married and settled down to new lives. Then, 30 odd years later, at a reunion of Tuscania survivors strangely enough Harry learned that Gertrude had been widowed. Harry likewise had lost his mate; a common fate and old memories drew them together again.

And so on December 15, 1955 Harry Vanderburg and Gertrude Halderson brought back to life their romance of 40 years ago and became husband and wife. Their sometimes tragic story has at last a joyful ending, and we pray that they may live happily ever after.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 20 Dec 1955 p 8 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/23593763/>

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Vanderburg of North Prairie, Wis., will arrive Wednesday to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. James Coad.

Dade City FL news: "Tampa (FL) Tribune" Saturday 4 Feb 1956 p 8

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/511292115/>

Gertrude E. Vanderburg

GALESVILLE, Wis. — Gertrude E. Vanderburg, 100, of Galesville, died Monday, May 1, 1989, in Marinuka Manor Nursing Home.

She was born May 4, 1888, in Genoa, Wis., to Albert and Rosalia (Caswell) Halderson. She married Harry Vanderburg in Iowa. He died Feb. 11, 1973. She graduated from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing and worked mainly as a private care registered nurse.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Trempealeau.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Gerard and Mary Olson, both of La Crosse; two sisters, Grace Coad of Little Rock, Ark., Carol B. Young of Galesville.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday in the Smith Mortuary. The Rev. Kristin Sundt will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Centerville, Wis.

Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday in the mortuary.

Memorials: Marinuka Manor Nursing Home.

Obituary of Gertrude Elva Halderson Vanderburg – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Wednesday 3 May 1989 p 14

Gertrude Elva Halderson

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Name	Gertrude Elva Halderson
Maiden Name	Halderson
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	25 Dec 1922
Marriage County	Trempealeau, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Harold Palmer Arntson

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91056337:61484>

Gertrude Halderson

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

Name	Gertrude Halderson
Marriage Date	16 Sep 1927
Marriage Place	Winona, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Herman Halderson
Certificate Number	Halhehalge
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/92763167:70873>

Name *Halderson, Mrs. H. L.* No. of Cert. *2677*
(*Halderson*.) Gertrude Elva Date *9-19-21*
Address *12-24-25 Galesville, Wisconsin*
H.S. Education
Name of School *Wisconsin Deaconess Green Bay, Wisconsin*
Examination? _____ Waiver? *yes* Reciprocity? _____
Recommended to _____ Date _____
Pin No. *12b*

D.O.G.: *6-10-1921*
D.O.B.: *5-4-1889*
Perm. record destroyed *5-16-62*
Records Disp. Auth. *95/61*

HERMAN L. HALDERSON

CENTERVILLE, Wis.—(Special)—Herman L. Halderson, 73, life-long resident of this community, died at his home here at 4:30 a. m., Sunday after an illness of several years.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Halderson, early settlers here, he was born Feb. 14, 1873, at the Halderson homestead north of Centerville.

He was well-known throughout a large area of Wisconsin and Minnesota as a farmer and livestock buyer. Active in Trempealeau county politics, he was at one time chairman of the town of Trempealeau and member of the Trempealeau county board of supervisors.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Sacia, Mrs. Martin (Mary) Olson, and Helen, all of La Crosse, and two sisters, Stella M. and Tena A. Halderson of Winona, Minn.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the family home in Centerville, the Rev. George Marshall officiating. Burial will be in the Centerville Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Leona Reese

TREMPEALEAU, Wis.—Mrs. Leona Reese, 75, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday evening at her home.

The former Leona Stephan, she was born July 15, 1892, in Caledonia, Minn., to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Stephan. She was married to John Reese June 24, 1930. He died May 20, 1962.

Survivors are: Three daughters, Mrs. Mary Olson and Mrs. Charles (Helen) Hofferek, La Crosse, and Mrs. J. W. (Ruth) Gerard, Galesville; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Smith Mortuary, Galesville, the Rev. Joseph Brake, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Galesville, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Centerville.

Friends may call at the mortuary Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Tuesday 24 Oct 1967 p 12

Children:



Otto Vanderburg in the interior of the plane with cattle ready for shipment to Venezuela.

Son Otto Harry Vanderburg (1921-1974) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/153212617/person/252403966151/media/91fed1a1-ac25-425d-8d62-93a964744497>

STATE OF ARKANSAS				MARRIAGE LICENSE			
COUNTY OF MISSISSIPPI				Coupons to Be Detached by County Clerk and Forwarded to State Registrar Vital Statistics, State Capital			
PLACE OF MARRIAGE: COUNTY <u>Miss.</u>				CITY OR TOWN <u>Blytheville</u>			
DATE OF MARRIAGE <u>10-30-43</u>				TITLE OF PERSON OFFICIATING <u>Chaplain</u>			
Full Name <u>Otto H. Vanderburg</u>				Full Name <u>Miss. Doris L. Jacobson</u>			
Residence State: <u>Wisconsin</u>		County: <u>Waupesa</u>		Residence State: <u>Wisconsin</u>		County: <u>Waupesa</u>	
Age Last Birthday <u>22</u>		Color or Race <u>White</u>		Age Last Birthday <u>19</u>		Color or Race <u>White</u>	
City or Town <u>Mukwonago</u>		State <u>Wisconsin</u>		City or Town <u>Oconomowoc</u>		State <u>Wisconsin</u>	
Birth Date <u>Sept. 7, 1921</u>		Birth Place <u>Wisconsin</u>		Birth Date <u>March 14, 1924</u>		Birth Place <u>Wisconsin</u>	
Usual Occupation <u>U.S. Army</u>		Industry or Business <u>U.S. Army</u>		Usual Occupation <u>Club</u>		Industry or Business <u>S.W. Potter</u>	
Signature <u>Elizabeth Blythe</u>				Signature <u>S.W. Potter</u>			
DATE <u>10-29-43</u>				COUNTY CLERK			

AR marriage license of Otto Harry Vanderburg & Doris Lorraine Jacobson – 30 Oct 1943 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/802397:61775>



Miss Virginia Vanderburg

Vote North Prairie Girl Most Popular

Miss Virginia Vanderburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Vanderburg of North Prairie, has been voted the most popular girl at Whitewater State Teachers college. Miss Vanderburg was recently elected vice-president of the Sigma Sigma sorority. She has also been, during the past year, president of the Wesley Foundation at Whitewater.

Daughter Virginia Agnes Vanderburg Jones (1926-2011) – “Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman” Saturday
19 Apr 1947 p 5



Mrs. Trevor A. Jones

Miss Vanderburg and Trevor Jones Exchange Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vanderburg, Mukwonago route 1, are announcing the marriage of their daughter Virginia Agnes to Trevor Arthur Jones, son of the Arthur N. Jones, Elkhorn, Wis. The couple was married at a 7 o'clock candlelight service Saturday evening at the North Prairie Methodist church. The Rev. Gordon Amphlett officiated.

As the bride approached the altar on the arm of her father, she wore a gown of traditional white satin fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice and full skirt en train. Her fingertip veil of illusion was caught with a dutch bonnet of satin and lace. Her bouquet was a white orchid surrounded with white carnations.

Mrs. Edward Janovetz, was her sister's matron of honor. She wore white marquisette fashioned with an off-the-shoulder bertha, snug bodice and full skirt. Sally Fenner and Jean McWethy, bridal aides, wore gowns similar to the matron's of honor. Each attendant carried a bouquet of scarlet carnations.

Donald T. Jones was best man for his brother. Ushers were Philip T. Jones, Harry P. Vanderburg, Jr., and Edmund Sorenson.

Following a wedding trip to northern Wisconsin, the couple will make their home in Tulsa, Okla. The former Miss Vanderburg is a graduate of Waukesha high school and Whitewater State Teacher's college. Mr. Jones attended Whitewater State Teachers' college and is a graduate of Spartan School of Aeronautics. He is employed by the American Airlines company in Tulsa.

Marriage on 19 Jun 1948 in North Prairie WI – Virginia Agnes Vanderburg & Trevor Arthur Jones –
“Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman” Wednesday 23 Jun 1948 p 5

Miss Vanderburg Weds Oklahoman

Elkhorn — Miss Virginia Agnes Vanderburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vanderburg, became the bride of Trevor Arthur Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Jones, Tulsa, Okla., at 7 p. m. Saturday in the Methodist church at North Prairie. The Rev. Mr. Amphelt, Burlington, read the service.

Miss Vanderburg chose a traditional gown of white slipper satin for her marriage and her fingertip veil fell from a lace Dutch cap. Mrs. Ed Janewitz, the bride's sister, as matron of honor, wore white marquisette with red carnations in her hair. The bridesmaids, Miss Sally Fenner, Beverly Burnell and Jean McQuethy, all wore ruffled gowns of white marquisette and headdresses of red carnations. All carried colonial bouquets.

Donald Jones served his brother as best man and Philip Jones, another brother of the groom, Edmond Sorenson and Harry Vanderburg, brother of the bride, ushered. Karen Olson presided at the organ and Gene Pierce sang.

The church parlors were decorated with garden flowers for the reception for 25 guests.

After a trip in Northern Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be at home at 1322 S. Elgin street, Tulsa, Okla.

The bride is a graduate of Whitewater State Teachers college, where she was affiliated with Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Her husband also attended Whitewater State Teachers college and graduated from the Spartan School of Engineering, Tulsa. He is employed by American Airlines at Tulsa.

"Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 23 Jun 1948 p 19

Marriage Licenses

Edward J. Janovitz, Mukwonago route 1, and Mabel I. Vanderburg, Mukwonago route 1, have applied for a marriage license at the office of county clerk, Richard L. Sylvester.

Marriage license of daughter Mabel Isabel Vanderburg (ca. 1928) & Edward J. Janovitz – "Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Friday 19 Mar 1948 p 5

Miss Vanderburg Is Engaged to Wed Mr. Janovetz

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vanderburg, North Prairie, announce the engagement of their daughter, Isabel, to Edward Janovetz, son of Mr and Mrs. John Janovetz, route 1, Mukwonago.

Isabel was graduated from Waukesha high school and attended the Stout institute at Menomonie, Wis. Her fiance, a graduate of Mukwonago high school, is employed in Milwaukee. They plan a spring wedding.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Wednesday 8 Oct 1947 p 5



Isabel Janovetz

<https://www.facebook.com/isabel.janovetz/>



Isabel Vanderburg-Janovetz

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Isabel-Vanderburg-Janovetz/pfbid0BycfWriemSLTXp9AY3vRPCVDMNteASnoeTvRQKwFofAG9kgCTafbw78DgyPmhs3il/>

Daughter (Mabel) Isabel Vanderburg Janovetz



Edward J. Janovetz,

Age 89, of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, passed away Monday, July 20, 2015. He was born in Milwaukee, WI on May 7, 1926 to the late John and Elizabeth (Gregor) Janovetz. He graduated from Mukwonago High School in 1945, then was drafted into the Army where he trained as a paratrooper. On April 3, 1948 he was united in marriage to M. Isabel Vanderburg at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waukesha, WI. Edward was owner/operator of Jano Inc., an over the road trucking company. He was a former resident of North Prairie, WI where he was a member of the Lions Club, North Prairie Fire Department and served on the village board. Edward and Isabel enjoyed spending winters in Texas and he loved traveling with his fifth wheel to Alaska with his sons. They retired to northern Wisconsin, where he enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling and feeding his birds.

Survivors include his wife, Isabel of Iola; children: Kathleen (Kurt) Krueger of Iola; John (Karen) Janovetz of Minocqua; Donald (Diane) Janovetz of Wausau; Margaret (Herbert) Casey of Whitewater; and Michael Janovetz of Iola; four grandchildren: Kristofor, Kim and Kalli Krueger, David Janovetz; seven great-grandchildren: Kolden, Morgan and Sean Krueger, Logan Janovetz, Aaron and Kaden Krueger, Ryder Cutler; and Madison Janovetz on the way; a brother, Robert (Delores) Janovetz of Mukwonago; step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2015 at the Main Chapel of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, with Fr. Dick Lesniak officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Military honors and burial of cremains will take place at Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King following the service.

Obituary with two of the many photos available - Isabel's husband Edward J. Janovetz <https://www.maplecrestfh.com/obituary/Edward-Janovetz>

 U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2 City & area directories	Name Harry P Vanderburg Birth 13 Dec 1929 Residence Visalia, California, USA
 1940 United States Federal Census 1940s  View  Seen today	Name Harry Vanderberg Jr Birth Wisconsin Residence 1940 Township Mukwonago, Mukwonago, Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA
 U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1 City & area directories  Seen today	Name Harry P Vanderburg Jr [Harry Vanderburg Jr] Birth 15 Dec 1929 Residence 1993 Torrance, CA

birth records (which

vary on date) of son **Harry Peter Vanderburg Jr. (1929-**
(https://www.ancestry.com/search/?name=harry+peter_vanderburg&birth=1930_wisconsin&coun

[t=50&father=harry+peter_vanderburg&mother=mabel+florence_taylor&residence=_california-usa_7](#)

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Harry Vanderburg and
daughter Mrs. Edw. Janovetz
are flying to Burbank, Cali-
fornia to attend the wedding
of Harry Vanderburg Jr.

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"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Wednesday 2 Feb 1955 p 10

Youth Accepted By Air Institute

MUKWONAGO — Harry Vanderburg Jr., son of Harry P. Vanderburg, Mukwonago route 1, has been accepted by Northrop Aeronautical Institute, Inglewood, California, for enrollment in the Aircraft and Engine Mechanics course.

He is joining hundreds of young men from every state and many foreign countries who are pursuing their aeronautical studies at Northrop. A veteran of the Korean war, Harry served in the U.S. air force.

CHOOSING THE EVER-growing aircraft industry for his future career and Northrop Institute because of its accreditation and wide industry recognition, Harry expects to complete his intensive Aircraft and Engine Mechanics course in 50 weeks.

He will be graduated qualified to apply for his Civil Aeronautics Administration certificate and will then be in a position to choose from many types of employment and companies within the aircraft industry.



Hometown of Tzummarum, Waadhoeke municipal district, Friesland, Netherlands -
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tzummarum>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Harry Peter Vanderburg (Sr.)

Name variations: nickname: "Preacher" – Van De Burg

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. B - private

Serial number: 251,057

Entered service from: Trempealeau, Trempealeau WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Harry Peter Vanderburg

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": friend Miss Gertrude E. Halderson, Trempealeau WI [later the woman he marries]

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Harry P. Vanderburg

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend Gertrude E. Halderson, Trempealeau WI (cpl, Co B., 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Harry Peters Van Derburg - b. 23 Oct 1893

Tzummarane, Friesland, Holland; res: Trempealeau, Trempealeau WI. Single. Theo.

[theology/theological] student. Signed Harry Peters VanDerburg. Tall in height, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1939 NTSA: Mukwonago WI - 1955 WI

Survivors: Rte 1, Mukwonago WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Harry Peter Vanderburg - b. 23 Oct 1893

Tzummarum, Nederland [sic]; res: Route 1, Mukwonago, Waukesha WI. NOK Mrs. Mabel

Vanderburg, no address. Self-employed at Mukwonago, Waukesha WI. Height: 5'11 ½" – 210 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 2 Aug 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: Route 4, Mukwonago WI

Rank/unit: private, Co. B, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 23 Oct 1893 Tzummarum, Franekaradeal Municipality, Friesland, Netherlands (WWI draft: Tzummerane, Holland)

Died: 11 Feb 1973 La Crosse, La Crosse WI

Find A Grave record: 97277509 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Centerville, Trempealeau WI

Cemetery: Evergreen

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin Cpl Co B 107 Supply Tn WWI

Father: Peter Vanderburg

Find A Grave:

Mother: Agnes Van Der Zee Vanderburg

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Mabel Florence Taylor Vanderburg, 4 Jul 1899 Beldenville, Pierce WI – 27 Jan 1953 North Prairie, Waukesha WI. Daughter of Otto Vermillion Taylor & Anna Mathia Svensen.

Returned home to North Prairie WI from a lengthy stay in a NY hospital in Sep 1952. Buried in North Prairie Cemetery, North Prairie, Waukesha WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 75138677

Marriage:

Spouse: Gertrude Elva Halderson Arntson Halderson Vanderburg, 4 May 1888 Vernon Co. WI – 1 May 1989 Galesville, Trempealeau WI.

Daughter of Albert Halderson & Rosalia Mary Caswell. SSN 145755284

Harry's WWI next-of-kin, listed as his "friend," becomes his second wife. – According to a later newspaper article, Gertrude had refused his offer of marriage. In 1917. Harry was stowing Gertrude's photo under his bunk on Tuscania, kneeling down. His roommates thought he was praying, as he as a theological student had held religious services on board & had earned the nickname "Preacher." Harry told them he thought they were going to be torpedoed – and it did. As of 1965, Gertrude's faded photograph was still in his wallet.

On 25 Dec 1922, Gertrude Halderson married Harold Palmer Arnston (1891 WI – 1955 MN, F: 21510480) in Trempealeau Co. WI. Harold is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, La Crosse, La Crosse WI.

On 16 Sep 1927, Gertrude married Herman Louis Halderson (1873-1946, F: 145192923), who was earlier married to Leona L. Stephan (1892-1967, F: 145964524), the daughter of Wendell Stephan & Mary E. Kobler. Herman & Leona had three daughters, who are mentioned in his & her obituaries: Mary A. Halderson (Mrs. Martin Olson), ca. 1919 – Helen L. Halderson (ca. 1921) – Ruth Adeline Halderson Sacia Gerard (ca. 1924). Herman is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Centerville, Trempealeau WI. In the 1920 census, Herman (45) & wife Leona (27 MN) lived in Trempealeau, Trempealeau WI with daughters Ruth (5) & Mary (1).

In the 1930 census for Trempealeau, Trempealeau Co. WI, Herman Halderson (57 WI, parents b. Norway) had no occupation. Living with him were his wife Gertrude (40 WI, parents b. Norway) & daughters Ruth (16 WI), Mary (11 WI) & Helen (9 WI). He had married for the 1st time at age 50 & Gertrude had married for the 1st time at age 32, they reported.

With this marriage, Gertrude returned to her maiden surname of Halderson.

Harry reconnected with Gertrude after he was widowed & found out she was widowed when attending a Tuscania survivors reunion.

Spouse Find A Grave: 75138677

Marriage: 15 Dec 1955 Nashua, Chickasaw IA – in the “Little Brown Church in the Vale”

Children: by Harry’s 1st wife, Mabel Florence Taylor

- Otto Harry Vanderburg, 7 Sep 1921 Exeland, Sawyer WI – 13 Aug 1974 Gainesville, Alachua FL. Married 30 Oct 1943 in Blytheville, Mississippi Co. AR to Doris Lorraine Jacobson (1924 WI – 2018 WI, F: 187714437), the daughter of Craney (Jake) Jacobson & Veronica Smasal. She later married Edward William Bloede (1923-2010). – Otto was a 1st lieutenant in the US Army Air Corps. Buried in North Prairie Cemetery, North Prairie, Waukesha WI. F: 37817629
- Virginia Agnes Vanderburg Jones, 14 Aug 1926 WI – 21 Sep 2011. Wife of Trevor Arthur Jones (1926 WI-1993 FL, F: 14504393), the son of Arthur N. Jones & Clara Jane Tarrant. They married 19 Jun 1948 in North Prairie, Waukesha WI. Resident of FL in Feb 1973 when her father died. Resident of Seminole FL in Sep 1996 when she received Sigma Sigma Sigma award. Buried in Seminole Cemetery, Seminole, Pinellas FL. F: 214878139
- (Mabel) Isabel Vanderburg Janovetz, ca. 1928 WI. On 3 Apr 1948, Isabel (who used her 1st name) married Edward J. (“Eddie”) Janovetz (1926-2015, F: 149724727) in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. Edward is buried in Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, King, Waupaca WI. Resident of WI in Feb 1973 when her father died. – On Facebook as of 23 Apr 2023.
- Harry Peter Vanderburg Jr., 13 or 15 Dec 1929 WI - . Married on 29 Jan 1955 in Los Angeles Co. CA to Patricia J. Cameron (1935-2018 CA, F: 187495363, burial details unknown.). They resided in Visalia CA.

Siblings:

Notes:

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/105745727/person/250046087406/facts?_phsrc=hFB64451&_phstart=sucessSource

Emigrated 1911 aboard "Noorland"

Petition for naturalization 7 Apr 1916 in Trempealeau Co. WI.

Oath of allegiance as citizen administered 8 Oct 1919.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 395-32-5253

Censuses:

1920 Chicago, Cook IL – Evangelistic Bible Study – conducted 13 Jan 1920 – his name is reversed but this appears to be Harry

Peter H. Vanderburg, 26 Holland, parents b. Holland, single, emigrated 1911, naturalized 1916, student for ministry

1930 Mukwanago, Waukesha WI – conducted 16 Apr 1930 – County Trunk E

Harry P. VANDEBURG, 36 Holland, parents b. Holland, emigrated 1911, naturalized, spoke German, age 27 at 1st marriage, broker, livestock, WWI veteran

Mabel, 30 WI, parents b. WI, age 21 at 1st marriage

Otto H., 8 WI

Virginia A., 3 WI

M. Isabell, 1 WI

Harry P. 4 (?) months WI

& sister-in-law Myrtle Taylor, 17 WI, parents b. WI, single, servant, private family

Harry is double-counted in the 1940 census, once with his family & once in the veterans' hospital

1940 Mukwonago, Waukesha WI – conducted 16 Apr 1940 – same house in 1935

Harry VANDERBERG, 46 Holland, no occupation listed

Mabel, 40 WI

Otto, 18 WI, laborer, condensing milk company

Virginia, 13 WI

Isabell, 12 WI

Harry Jr. 10 WI

& servant Beatrice Stiegen, 17 WI, in rural Sawyer Co. WI in 1935, maid, private family

1940 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – US Veterans Administration Station R-30, Waukesha
Annex – conducted 15 Apr 1940

Harry P. Vanderburg, 45, place of birth note entered for anyone, single, inmate

1950 cannot locate